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SUBJ: NON-ALIGNED COMMUNIQUE ON LATEST SOUTH AFRICA ACTIONS

1. ON OCTOBER 21, THE CO-ORDINATING BUREAU OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ON THE LATEST REPRESSIVE MEASURES IN SOUTH AFRICA. THE COMMUNIQUE CALLS FOR A TIME LIMIT ON WESTERN NEGOTIATING EFFORTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA; IF THAT TIME LIMIT EXPIRES, CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS SHOULD BE APPLIED TO PRESERVE THE CREDIBILITY OF BOTH THE WESTERN POWERS AND THE UNITED NATIONS ITSELF.

2. TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS: (A/32/289, S/12422)

QUOTE: ANNEX

COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON 21 OCTOBER 1977 BY THE CO-ORDINATING BUREAU OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES

1. THE CO-ORDINATING BUREAU OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIEES IS CONSTRAINED TO DECLARE ITS VEHEMENT CONDEMNATION OF THE MOST RECENT OUTRAGE COMMITTED BY THE PRETORIA REGIME
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IN ENFORCING A BAN ON MAJOR BLACK ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS AND ON A LARGE NUMBER OF SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLICATIONS, INCLUDING THE COUNTRY'S LARGENT NEWSPAPER FOR BLACKS.
IN A STATEMENT THAT CAN HARDLY BE SURPASSED FOR ITS EFFRONTERY, FOR ITS DEFIANCE OF WORLD OPINION AND FOR ITS CONTEMPTOUS INDIFFERENCE TO FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS, JAMES KRUGER, THE AGEND OF THE PRETORIA REGIME, HAS SOUGHT TO JUSTIFY

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THIS LATEST MANIFESTATION OF THE PRETORIA REGIME'S REJECTION
OF ALL CANONS OF CIVILIZED BEHAVIOUR ON THE PRETEXT
THAT THE REPORTS PUBLISHED BY THE NEWSPAPERS AND THE ACTIVITIES
OF THE ORGANIZATIONS MENTIONED IN THE PRETORIA REGIME'S
GAZETTE "ENDANGER THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER".

2. THIS CONSTITUTES ONE MORE ACT OF SENSELESS OPPRESSION IN
A LONG AND SHAMEFUL RECORD OF MEASURES DIRECTED BY THE RACIST
WHITE MINORITY REGIMES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AGAINST SOUTH
AFRICA'S BLACK MAJORITY, NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE AND INDEPENDENT
AFRICAN STATES.

3. THESE RECENE MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN AT THE VERY MOMENT
WHEN FIVE WESTERN POWERS, WHICH ARE AMONG THE MAJOR TRADING
PARTNERS OF THE PRETORIA REGIME, ARE ENDEAVOURING TO ARRIVE
AT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM OF NAMIBIA ON
THE BASIS OF A COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM
THE INTERNATIONAL TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA. THIS RECENT ACTION
BY THE PRETORIA REGIME ALSO COINCIDES WITH THE CURRENT DEBATE
ON NAMIBIA IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN WHICH ALMOST ONE
HUNDRED MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS HAVE DENOUNCED THE
PRETORIA REGIME'S CONDUCT AND HAVE CALLED FOR URGENT ACTION
AGAINST IT. THE TWO SITUATIONS ARE INEXTRICABLY LINKED.

4. THE CO-ORDINATING BUEARU EMPHATICALLY REJECTS THE FINDINGS
OF THE "INQUIRY" CONDUCTED BY COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY
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THE PRETORIA REGIME UNDER THE DISREPUTABLE INTERNAL SECURITY
ACT OF SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH IS A SPURIOUS LEGISLATIVE DEVICE FOR
THE RUTHLESS REPRESSION OF ALL DISSENT AND FOR THE STIFLING
OF THE DEMAND FOR FREEDOM IN SOUTH AFRICA.

5. THE CO-ORDINATING BUREAU RECOGNIZES THAT THERE ARE SOME
DECENT HUMAN ELEMENTS LEFT AMONG THE WHITE POPULATION THAT
CONDEMN THE PRETORIA REGIME'S POLICIES AND PRACTICES.

6. THE CO-ORDINATING BUREAU MUST MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE
PATIENCE OF THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF MANKIND IS
EXHAUSTED. WHILE PRESUMING THAT THE FIVE WESTERN POWERS
ARE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, THE
BUREAU FEARS THAT THEIR EFFORTS ARE SERIOUSLY HAMPERED BY
THE OBVIOUS ABSENCE OF SINCERITY AND GOOD FAITH ON THE PART
OF THE PRETORIA REGIME.

7. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE CO-ORDINATING BUREAU CALLS
UPON ALL SUPPORTERS OF BLACK AFRICAN RIGHTS TO DEMAND
THAT A TIME-LIMIT BE SET TO THE NEGOTIATIONS BEING CONDUCTED
BY THE FIVE WESTERN POWERS AND THAT, AFTER THE EXPIRATION
OF THE TIME-LIMIT, CHAPTER VII OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED

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NATIONS BE INVOKED AGAINST THE PRETORIA REGIME.

8. THE CO-ORDINATING BUREAU OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES THEREFORE CONSIDERS THAT THE FIVE WESTERN POWERS ARE UNDER A CLEAR OBLIGATION TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO ACTION UNDER CHAPTER VII SHOULD THEIR PRESENT EFFORTS FAIL, LEST THEIR OWN CREDIBILITY BE DAMAGED AND, THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS BE REDUCED TO A HOLLOW SHAM.

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